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SUBJECT: UK ANNOUNCES ITS CONTRIBUTION TO UNIFIL  
WILL BE USE OF CYPRUS BASES

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE ISSUED JOINTLY BY  
FCO AND MOD EVENING OF MARCH 21 ON BRITISH CONTRIBU-  
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TION TO UNIFIL:

QUOTE H M GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED, IN KEEPING WITH  
OUR GENERAL SUPPORT FOR THE UN AND IN PARTICULAR  
FOR UN PEACE-KEEPING, TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE UNITED  
NATIONS INTERIM FORCE IN THE LEBANON (UNIFIL). IN  
RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL,

DR. KURT WALDHEIM, WE WILL OFFER TO PROVIDE IN CYPRUS A FORWARD MOUNTING BASE FOR THE FORCE AND FACILITIES INCLUDING PROVISION OF SUPPLIES, STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE, USING EXISTING BRITISH MILITARY FACILITIES. WE WILL ALSO BE PREPARED TO MAKE AVAILABLE THE SERVICE PERSONNEL INCLUDING SUCH REINFORCEMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE. A FULL RANGE OF PROBABLE SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS (EG RATIONS, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, ETC.) CAN BE MET.  
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ADDITIONAL POINTS ON WHICH WE CAN DRAW ON THE RECORD:

(A) WE HAVE NOT BEEN ASKED NOR ARE WE OFFERING COMBAT UNITS. CONSULTATIONS INVOLVING THE UN SECRETARIAT AND MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ARE CONTINUING IN NEW YORK, WITH A VIEW TO SELECTING NATIONAL COMBAT CONTINGENTS FOR THE UN FORCE:

(B) WE BELIEVE THAT EACH NATIONAL CONTINGENT SHOULD BE ASKED TO PROVIDE ALL THE ELEMENTS NEEDED FOR ITS OWN FRONT LINE LOGISTIC SUPPORT IN THE LEBANON. WE SHALL NOT PROVIDE ANY LOGISTIC SUPPORT WITHIN SOUTH LEBANON ITSELF. WE BELIEVE SHIPS OR AIRCRAFT TO FERRY MATERIAL OR MEN TO THE LEBANON SHOULD BE PROVIDED BY OTHER MEMBER STATES.  
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(C) WE ARE ALREADY MAKING A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO UN PEACE-KEEPING ACTIVITIES THROUGH OUR SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS FORCE IN CYPRUS (UNFICYP). WE PROVIDE 830 MEN, OR ONE THIRD OF THE TOTAL MANPOWER, OF THIS FORCE, AT A CURRENT COST OF POUNDS STERLING 9 MILLION PER ANNUM. OUR CONTINGENT IS THE LARGEST SINGLE ELEMENT IN UNFICYP, AND IN ADDITION WE PROVIDE LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR THE WHOLE FORCE.

IF ASKED

(D) WE EXPECT THE UN TO MEET THE COSTS OF OUR CONTRIBUTION TO UNIFIL EXCEPT FOR THE BASIC COSTS OF PERSONNEL. END QUOTE

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